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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Byars, do you wish to speak to the amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, colleagues. I think I want to speak to the whole situation. I guess this is as good a time as any. I certainly rise in support of the amendment to the committee amendments and the committee amendments and the bill. In my legislative district I've run into almost every one of these exceptional circumstances happening to one or more of my school districts, from my tiniest school district, down in Diller, Nebraska, to my largest school district, in Beatrice. And many times we leave these school districts absolutely, totally without anywhere to go. We have rightfully so, and I support the efforts this body has made to set levy limits to address the property tax problem, and I think we've done the right things. But as part of that our districts have cranked down to the place they don't have any extra money. And this becomes a cash flow problem and a place that they can't turn to anyone for help. And I see this as a very, very appropriate place to use these, for want of a better term, leftover dollars. I'm not sure we ever had any leftover dollars anywhere, Senator Wehrbein. But I have good use for many. Any other people that have leftover dollars, come to me, please, I have a good place to use them. But I do rise in support of the Bohlke amendment to the committee amendments, the committee amendments and the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Byars. There being no further lights, Senator Bohlke, would you like to close on your amendment? Senator Bohlke waives, so we'll now vote on the amendment to the committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Bohlke's amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The motion carries. Now go back to discussion on the committee amendments. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I would like to examine, as I understand it now the committee amendment, basically, is the bill, and I guess I